

A RESOLUTION

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BY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, TO ACCEPT, AND TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS, LETTERS OF INTENT, AND OTHER FINANCIAL OFFERS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FOR THE AUTOMATED HOLD BAGGAGE SCREENING PROJECT AND THE SECURITY CHECK POINT MODIFICATION PROJECT TO BE PERFORMED AT HARTSFIELD ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2001, President Bush signed into law the Aviation Transportation Security Act, which created the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to oversee certain aspects of transportation security; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta ("City"), as owner and operator of Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport ("the Airport"), will commence receiving offers of grants-in-aid from TSA for various security projects at the Airport; and

WHEREAS, recent federal security mandates require that the Airport be equipped to allow for electronic explosives detection screening of all baggage being placed on a commercial aircraft leaving the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the TSA and the Airport will be required to increase the number of security check points in order to respond to the increasing queues in the security check point area; and

WHEREAS, in order to be responsive to the federal security mandates and TSA requirements, the Hold Baggage Screening Project and the Security Check Point Modification Project will be implemented at the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Hold Baggage Screening Project and the Security Check Point Modification Project will be extremely costly; and

WHEREAS, TSA has indicated that it will have funds available through grant offers and other means to offset much of the cost of the Full Baggage Screening Project and the Security Check Point Modification Project; and

WHEREAS, the timing and the amount of the various grant offers from the TSA are determined by the availability of funding from Congressional appropriations and the ability of airports around the nation to provide justification for security eligible projects, with the result that offers are accompanied by short deadlines for acceptance and execution and failure to meet the deadlines means the opportunity to obtain such funding will be lost; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent to authorize the Mayor or her designee to apply for grants, to accept grant offers, and to execute grant agreements in a timely manner to assure that the deadlines imposed by the TSA will be met, and that no opportunities for funding will be lost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that the Mayor or her designee be and hereby is authorized to apply for and accept grant offers, letters of intent, and any other financial offers from the TSA related to the Hold Baggage Screening Project and the Security Check Point Modification Project, and to execute on behalf of the City all agreements with TSA pertaining to the grants, letters of intent, or other financial offers..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Aviation General Manager shall provide the Transportation Committee with written notice of all grants, letters of intent or other financial offers that the Airport applies for within two weeks of filing the application, where said application is authorized by this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Attorney be and hereby is directed to prepare each grant agreement, agreement regarding a letter of intent, or other financial offer agreement for execution by the Mayor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that no agreement for grant, letter of intent, or other financial offer authorized hereunder shall become binding upon the City and the City shall incur no obligation or liability thereunder until the same has been signed by the Mayor and delivered to the TSA.